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GRIZZLY BASKETBALL TEAM TRAVELS TO MSU FOR KEY
BIG SKY CONFERENCE MATCH UP

MISSOULA--

THE GAME:

The University of Montana, tied for the lead in the Big Sky Conference with a 5-1 record, travels to Bozeman to play Montana State University, one of the teams (the other is Idaho) that the Grizzlies are sharing the conference lead with. The game is Saturday, Jan. 31.

TIPOFF:

The game in 10,000-seat Breeden Fieldhouse starts at 8 p.m. (MST).

PRELIM GAME:

MSU's junior varsity team will host the Montana Cubs in the preliminary contest at 5:30 p.m.

RADIO:

Bill Schwanke, the voice of the Grizzlies, will begin his pre-game report on Missoula's KYLT Radio at 7:45 p.m.

THE SERIES:

This will be the 209th meeting between the Griz and the Cats, and the game is one of the oldest in collegiate basketball. MSU leads the series 117-91, although UM has won 14 out of the last 20.

LAST YEAR:

Montana swept MSU, beating them 92-78 at home, and 85-78 in Bozeman. Craig Zanon led the Griz in scoring in Missoula with 25 points, and Blaine Taylor scored 22 in the win in Bozeman. Both players are starting at guard this Saturday.

THE COACHES:

Grizzly coach Mike Montgomery is 43-30 in two-plus years at UM, while the Bobcats' Bruce Haroldson is 39-31 in two-plus seasons at MSU.

LAST WEEK:

UM split at home, bowing to Idaho 47-44 in overtime, and defeating Boise State 47-40. MSU swept both of its home games beating Boise 96-70 and Idaho 68-59.

MSU's 6-5 senior guard, Harry Heineken, was named Big Sky Player of the Week. He scored 46 points in the wins.

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GRIZZLY BB-- add one

PROBABLY STARTERS:
(scor., reb. avgs.)

MONTANA STATE (10-8, 5-1)

MONTANA (12-6, 5-1)

G-Bethel Debnam, 6-3, So. (6.4, 2.9)	G-B. Taylor (7.8, 0.9)
G-Harry Heineken, 6-5, Sr. (15.1, 3.7)	G-C. Zanon (16.9, 4.4)
C-Bill Kreiger, 6-11, Sr. (9.2, 5.7)	C-C. Larsen (6.8, 3.6)
F-John Maclin, 6-5½, Jr. (11.8, 4.7)	F-R. Brandon (6.9, 5.2)
F-Doug Hashley, 6-7, Jr. (15.8, 9.1)	F-D. Pope (6.1, 3.6)

TEAM STATS:

	<u>FG%</u>	<u>FT%</u>	<u>REB. AVG.</u>	<u>SCORE AVG.</u>
Montana	48.8	71.8	34.1	63.6
Opponents	45.3	70.1	30.1	58.3
Montana State	52.6	65.1	38.2	74.0
Opponents	45.9	72.5	33.2	69.7

MSU SCORES:

<u>MSU</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>OPP.</u>
86	St. Cloud St.	62
85	Bemidji St.	53
52	@Valparaiso	59
68	@Notre Dame	89
71	@Arizona St.	92
75	Cincinnati	77
59	Washington St.	73
69	Chico St.	68
100	Washington	79
57	Louisiana Tech.	72
70	Iowa	77
91	Mayville St.	66
84	Arizona *	72
77	Nevada- Reno *	69
74	@Idaho St. *	77
50	@Weber St. *	41
96	Boise St. *	70
68	Idaho *	59
	Montana *	

*Big Sky Game

BIG SKY RANKINGS:

The Grizzly's Craig Zanon is now third in scoring at 16.9 a game. MSU's Doug Hashley and Harry Heineken are 7th and 11th, respectively, at 15.8 and 15.1.

MSU's Doug Hashley is third in field goal percentage (60.4), Heineken is fifth (58.4) and Zanon sixth. Zanon is third in FT% at 81.8.

Hashley is second in rebounding (9.1).

Heineken is 6th in assists (4.3) and Blaine Taylor is tied for 9th (3.6).

Montana leads the Big Sky in defense (58.3), and second in free throw percentage (71.8)

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Grizzly BB -- add two--

MSU leads in scoring offense (74.0), is third in field goal percentage (52.0) and has the leading shot blocker in Bill Kreiger (1.8).

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

Thursday, Jan. 29

N. Arizona at Boise St.

Reno at Idaho

Saturday, Jan. 31

Reno at Boise St.

Montana at Montana St.

Weber St. at Idaho St.

N. Arizona at Idaho

ZANON REPORT:

Zanon remains at 11th on the Grizzly all-time scoring list with 911 points. He needs 17 more to pass Ben DeMers and move to 10th. He has scored 305 points in 18 games.

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